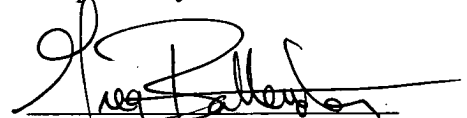


elements that the Examiner has indicated are not taught by the prior art, namely, the use of dynamic braking means for rapidly decelerating the speed of each wheel (claims 1, 2, and 3 amended) and 37-38; the mounting of the power head on a center pivot about which the power head rotates (new claims 31-34 and 37-38); and the use of a smart card for programming the microprocessor (claim 25, amended, and new claims 35-36).

Applicants submit that these amended and new claims patentably distinguish over all of the references relied upon by the Examiner and are in condition for immediate allowance. Reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are therefore requested. In the event that the Examiner should determine that the aforesaid Amendment does not place the case in condition for immediate allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone to discuss what additional steps would be necessary to immediately place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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